

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (amended): A method for handling timers in a wireless communication system, the method comprising:

- 5 starting a Timer_Poll_Periodic timer for a Radio Link Control Acknowledged Mode (RLC AM) entity;
performing a reset procedure for the RLC AM entity; and
restarting the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer in response to the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer expiring prior to completion of the reset procedure; and
10 not stopping the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer after the reset procedure.

Claim 2 (amended): ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising~~ A method for handling timers in a wireless communication system, the method comprising:

- 15 starting a Timer_Poll_Periodic timer for a Radio Link Control Acknowledged Mode (RLC AM) entity;
performing a reset procedure for the RLC AM entity;
restarting the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer in response to the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer expiring prior to completion of the reset procedure; and
restarting the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer in response to the reset procedure.

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Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising maintaining a value of the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer and maintaining operation of the Timer_Poll_Periodic timer in response to the reset procedure.

25 Claim 4 to Claim 27(Canceled)